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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170
and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

I am writing to complain about the proposed changes to the Universal Service Fund and requesting that the FCC investigate this matter further before changing the current policy. Your proposed \$1.00 per month charge for all wireless phones will directly impact my ability to retain my wireless service.

I do not think it is fair to charge EVERYBODY \$1.00 dollar regardless of how they use their wireless phone, especially for a low-volume user that relies on wireless service for safety and security, not interstate calls. The current policy is fair, based on interstate usage, and should be left alone. Please do not penalize us. Keep this fair.

Why is it that the citizens who can afford goods and services - who work hard every day to pay taxes and live a decent life and try to take good care of their family - are penalized and forced to pay fees for those who refuse to work or for companies who will not help the less fortunate, but want to gather more and more profits to themselves instead?

Most of my friends and family do not want cell phones to jabber incessantly on them. Maybe that happens on commercials with yuppies or young people whose parents can afford the bills. The people I know use cell phones for emergencies, for safe arrival calls, and letting their family members know of schedule changes and family information that is necessary. With our world becoming MORE UNSAFE every day, parents need to know their kids are OK. We buy the cell phones for them and primarily for family communication. Why should we be charged these costs? Maybe CEO's and government managers can't see the predicament of the average wage-earner to provide for the family with ALL costs going up - insurance premiums on house and car, healthcare, utilities, and so many things. This is just one more threat to family stability. When is it going to stop? When is someone going to speak for us and say, ENOUGH! We have put too much of a burden on you, and will not force you to!

pay higher prices? We cannot absorb any more.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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